

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lhing-Yew Li, et al.

Serial No.: 10/067,974

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**PATENT APPLICATION**

POLYNUCLEOTIDE CONSTRUCTS  
ENCODING ASPARTATE KINASE,  
ASPARTATE-SEMIALDEHYDE  
DEHYDROGENASE, AND  
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE REDUCTASE  
AND RELATED CONSTRUCTS, PRODUCTS,  
AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 1656

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**RESPONSE AFTER ADVISORY ACTION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief mailed by the Office on November 22, 2006. An appeal is currently pending in this case, and it is believed that this document is timely filed without the need for an extension. In the event that an extension is necessary for this document to be timely filed, kindly grant one and deduct the fee for same from deposit account no. 02-4800, in the name of Buchanan Ingersoll PC.

The Examiner's objections and rejections in this case have been carefully considered and in view of the following remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of all pending claims is courteously requested. Applicants' response takes into account the